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Four Murderers Electrocuted at Sing Sing.

Slocum, Smiler, Wood
and Jugiro in the
Electric Chair.

THEIR DEATHS PAINLESS.

The Current Said to Have
Been Applied Twice, as
in Kemmler's Case.

The First Man Was Killed
at 4.43 and the Last
Died at 6.06.

Statements by Witnesses of the
Quadruple Execution.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SING SING, July 7.—The facts as to the manner in which the four condemned murderers were put to death this morning are differently stated by different witnesses.

As all present at the execution were ordered to maintain secrecy, it will be hard to obtain exact details of the killing.

It is asserted by some that there were severe muscular contractions after the current was stopped, and that a second shock was given.

By others it is denied that there was a second shock administered.

One of the latter witnesses admits the severe muscular contractions after the current was turned off, and another witness asserts that one of the victims legs were burned.

All agree, however, that death was painless and that electrocution as a means of capital punishment is proven to be a success.

TWO SHOCKS, BUT PAINLESS.

Statement That Muscular Reaction
Caused Apparent Revival of the
Victims.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SING SING, July 7.—It is stated by a witness of the electrocutions that in each case there was an apparent revival of the

victim, as in Kemmler's case, and the current was turned on a second time.

The electrodes were not applied to the top of the men's skulls and the base of the spine as with Kemmler, but to the foreheads and the calves of the legs.

The current was kept on at least twenty seconds on the first application, with a power of 1,600 to 1,800 volts.

In spite of the fact that the sponges were kept wet, all the executed men were burned by the current, especially about the legs.

The physicians all agree that death was caused by the first contact, and that the apparent revival was merely the reflex muscular action.

All the witnesses who have spoken agree that death was instantaneous and painless, and that electrocution was proven to be a success.

ONE CONTACT KILLED THEM.

Dr. Southwick Declares This, and That There Was No Burning.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SING SING, July 7.—Dr. Southwick, of Buffalo, one of the witnesses of the electrocutions, and who is known as the father of the electrocution law, said to an EVENING WORLD reporter:

"Death resulted instantly in each case after the current was applied, and was painless. There was only one contact.

"It will be remembered that Kemmler was shocked twice and that he was alive six minutes after the first shock, his flesh being burned in a horrible manner. I do not believe it is a violation of our pledge to secrecy to say that the electrodes were applied in the same way as in Kemmler's case, except that at the head the electrode was nearer the base of the brain than the top of the head."

"Were the men burned?"

"There was not a mark on their bodies."

A SUCCESS, SAYS DR. ROCKWELL.

His Statements Concerning the Electro-
cutions Are Very Brief.

Dr. Alphonse D. Rockwell, who was a witness of the four executions this morning at Sing Sing, returned to the city on an early train, and went to his office 113 West Thirty-fourth street, where an EVENING WORLD reporter saw him later.

"All I can say is that the executions were highly satisfactory. They were perfectly successful in every way. That is all I am at liberty to tell you.

"I cannot give you any of the details of the killing. I passed my word not to say anything about it, and I cannot break my promise. All that I have to say is that there was nothing to mar or delay the executions, and every detail in the arrangements was carried out without hitch or delay."

"Is true, as rumored, that Jugro struggled or resisted when placed in the chair?"

"No, he did not struggle."

To other questions Dr. Rockwell absolutely refused to reply, except that there was no bungling, and that in his opinion the killings were successful in every respect.

DR. DANIELS SATISFIED.

He Denies that the Electric Current
Was Used Twice.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SING SING, July 7.—The statement that second applications of the electric current had been found necessary to kill the condemned men, and that their flesh had been burned under the electrodes, is denied by Dr. Daniels, of Buffalo, one of the witnesses, who said to an EVENING WORLD reporter:

"The executions were eminently successful from a scientific and from a humane standpoint.

"The men all behaved in the same cool, quiet, submissive manner that characterized William Kemmler at Auburn.

"The executions were more satisfactory. Every man died instantly and painlessly.

"There was but one contact of the electric wire for each man, and there was no burning of the flesh.

"It is sheer nonsense to talk about resistance by the Jap to his keepers. He did not resist. But I am talking more than I intended. I am free to say that while these executions have proven completely the feasibility of electrical execution, I object strongly to this un-American effort to muzzle the press. It will never be done, and it is farcical to attempt it."

Drs. MacDonald and Daniels carried away in their satchels portions of the anatomy of each victim, to be used in scientific study.

STORY OF THE KILLING.

All Admit that Electrocution Is a
Success.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SING SING, July 7.—Four murderers were electrocuted at the prison this morning in the following order:

JAMES J. SLOCUM, at 4.43 o'clock.

HARRIS A. SMILER, at 5.13½ o'clock.

JOSEPH WOOD, at 5.38 o'clock.

SHIBUYA JUGIRO, at 6.06 o'clock.

Prison, with electricity as a means of executing the death sentence upon condemned murderers, was made at daybreak, and is said to have been a success from every point of view.

Witnesses assert that there was no horror, many of the four instances, similar to that of the Kemmler case in Auburn Prison last year.

It is asserted that the four men died without a struggle and with no indication of physical suffering.

This fact is asserted by all the witnesses, coupled with the statement by each that he is pledged to secrecy, as to details, by Warden Brown.

This does not contradict the statement that there were two applications of the electric current.

Slocum was the first to sit in the death chair.

It was 4.43 o'clock when he died. He walked to death bravely, and although a little nervous when he faced the chair, he calmly seated himself, and was electrocuted so quickly that the expression on his face was not changed, according to the reports of one witness.

Slocum was accompanied to the chair by Fathers Creedon and Lynch, who supported him in his trying ordeal.

Smiler came next. He was always cowardly, and he walked tremblingly to the chair, supported by Chaplain Edgerton of the prison and Rev. Mr. Law of New York.

It was 5.13½ when the electric current was flashed through his body, killing him instantly.

There was an interval of just thirty minutes between the deaths of these two.

Wood, the next to die, followed in twenty-four minutes. He was shocked to death at 5.38, and Fathers Creedon and Lynch, who attended him, said that he met a painless death.

Jugiro, the Jap, was the last of the four to die. He had been threatening to make a last fight for his life, and it was deemed wise to get the others out of the way before approaching him.

Contrary to expectations the Jap was very docile, as is indicated by the fact that only twenty-seven minutes elapsed between his death and Wood's. This was a little longer time than elapsed between the second and third man, but shorter than between the first and second.

Jugiro died at 6.06 o'clock.

DISPOSITION OF THE DEAD BODIES.

Immediately after a man was killed, his body was placed in the room in the rear of the electrocution room, where the autopsies began soon after the Jap was killed.

There are now but two murderers left in the death cells here—McElvaine and Trizza. The witnesses to the execution returned to the Warden's private apartments as soon as the electrocutions were finished. They were there breakfasted by the Warden, who desired to keep them all together until the autopsies were performed and the certificates of death were signed, according to law.

Fathers Creedon and Lynch went directly home for breakfast, as did Chaplain Edgerton and his guest, Rev. Mr. Law, the Tombs chaplain.

DEATH WAS QUICK AND PAINLESS.

Rev. Mr. Law said he was pledged to secrecy, but he was willing to say that death had come instantaneously and painlessly, and he considers electrocution a decided success.

E. A. Brown, purchasing agent of the State prison, said there was no doubt that the electrocutions were absolutely painless.

"The horse killed yesterday in the final test of the machinery," he said, "was dead before it fell. Its eyeballs were as natural as in life after death, and this was the condition of the men put to death this morning."

"Each walked calmly to death, and there was not a struggle or hitch at any stage of the proceedings."

"When the current was turned into a man's body he died so quickly that it was difficult to realize that death had occurred."

DR. ROCKWELL'S STATEMENT.

Dr. Alphonse D. Rockwell, the man who devised the electrode and who was one of the three commissioners appointed to supervise the electrocution, was the first of the experts to emerge from the prison.

Dr. Rockwell hurried to the depot to catch an early train for New York. He said:

"We are all pledged to secrecy; but I do not think I am violating that pledge in saying that all four executions were unequalled successes."

"The men all died painlessly and without a struggle. Further than this I cannot speak."

NEW THE MACHINERY WAS ALL RIGHT.

Ex-Warden Brush, who has been stopping for a day or two with his daughter here, drove down to the prison entrance this morning to ask how the electrocutions passed off.

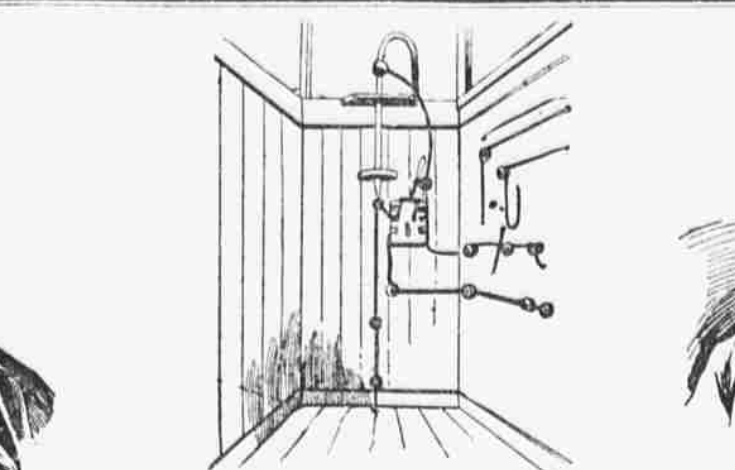
On being told that perfect success had attended them he said:

"Of course, I knew it. I purchased all the appliances myself, and we tried and rejected many pieces. It took us a year to get the machinery perfected."

"When that was done, we killed the old black horse last fall, as told exclusively in THE EVENING WORLD."



JOSEPH WOOD.



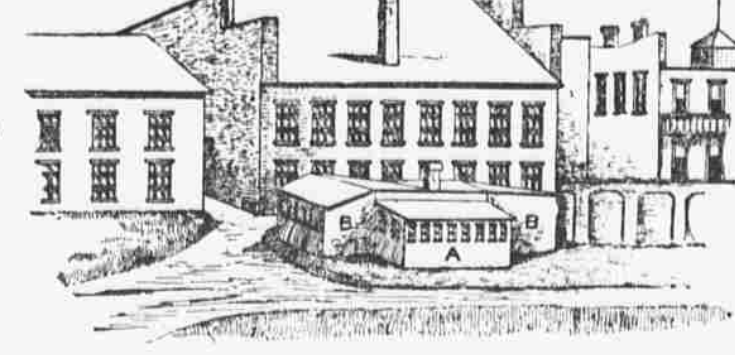
EXECUTIONER'S CLOSET, SHOWING SWITCH AND WIRES TO DEATH CHAIR.



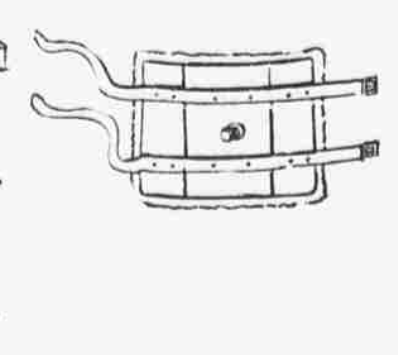
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FOREHEAD ELECTRODE.



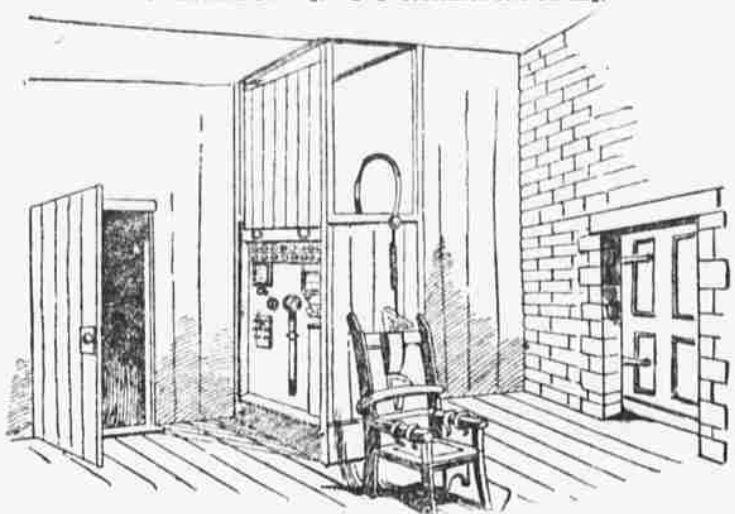
REAR VIEW OF HOSPITAL BUILDING.
A—Electrocution Building. B—Condemned Cells Building.



LEG ELECTRODE.



HARRIS A. SMILER.



INTERIOR OF ELECTROCUTION ROOM, SHOWING DOOR THROUGH WHICH CONDEMNED MEN ENTERED, THE DEATH CHAIR IN POSITION, THE EXECUTIONER'S CLOSET AND THE DEAD ROOM IN THE REAR.



JAMES SLOCUM.

Heve in electrocution. In the first place he said it was not deterrent of crime, and besides, he considered it a barbarous way to execute a man.

Warden Brown says that he refused to grant Lawyer Halse's petition for a stay in the case of Woods, on the advice of Deputy Attorney-General Hogan.

Halse hung around the outside of the prison until the signal was given telling that Woods had been electrocuted and then started for the depot.

Dr. Carlos F. MacDonald, President of the State Lunacy Commission, about 8 o'clock drove from the prison to the depot, where he met an assistant with a case of surgical instruments with which to perform the autopsy on the bodies of the dead criminals.

MORE EFFICIENT THAN THE GALLIES.

Rev. Dr. Law, Chaplain of the Tombs, who was one of the witnesses, and with Chaplain Edgerton, of the prison here, attended Smiler in his last hours, has made this supplementary statement:

"The men died instantly and painlessly. I came here prejudiced against electrical executions, but now I am convinced of the success of the new method of administering the extreme penalty of the law."

"I thought it would take away the stigma of the gallows, which I believe to be a deterrent to crime."

Further Dr. Law would not say.

Questioned whether the paper signed by the witnesses last night was an agreement to preserve silence regarding the execution, he replied:

"We agreed to keep silence. I prefer to say no more than this."



ON GUARD AT THE WARDEN'S OFFICE.

Up to the last moment there were doubts as to whether the jugglers with the law would permit it to take its proper course, and the doubt had become so fixed that but few people, beside the representatives of the press had gathered around the big prison this morning to wait and watch for the signals that were to announce that the lives of Slocum, Smiler, Wood and Jugiro had been legally ended.

It was a dramatic scene. The watchers stood in groups in the gray light, watching

and waiting for the death signals, and as one after another of the fatal flags was raised the excitement became intense.

WARDEN BROWN'S GUESTS.

The witnesses and the scientists in charge of the details of the electrocution passed the night in Warden Brown's private apartments. They were the sole occupants of the house, the Warden's family having gone away to escape the excitement of the occasion.

The Warden's guests retired early at his request, and were called at 3.30 o'clock this morning.

Before they arose Capt. Hilbert and Electrician E. F. Davis had gone to the dynamo room and made a final examination of the machinery.

Then Capt. Hilbert went into the engine room and took charge there.

The dynamo supplying the village with electric light was stopped at 3.30. This was done in order that the power of the engines should not be divided.

At 4 o'clock the Warden's guests were all assembled in the Warden's parlor. The shutters had been closed, and only a light of night escaped to convey to the watchers that the time for the dread work had arrived.

WITNESSES MARCH TO THE DEATH-CHAMBER.

The Warden gave his witnesses final instructions as to what he desired of them, and then they proceeded downstairs to the dining-room.

Here the procession was formed, and headed by the Warden, started for the electrocution-room.

An inclosed walk had been built from the rear basement door, along the prison wall about fifty feet, to an iron-barred gate which

All the men were killed by the first contact. The positive electrode was applied, as in the Kemmler case, to the top of the head, and the negative electrode to the leg.

Most of the witnesses remained till the autopsy was concluded.

The story that the Jap resisted an attempt to cut his beard yesterday is disproved by the fact that his beard was trimmed down a week ago in anticipation of the execution.

PLANNED TO SUPPRESS ALL DETAILS.

George E. Oliver, a church organist, of Albany, came out of the prison office soon after 4 o'clock. He took a cab and hurried to the depot to catch a south-bound train.

Mr. Oliver said to an EVENING WORLD reporter that the witnesses of the execution had signed an agreement to maintain secrecy regarding what they had seen in the death-chamber, so that no matter if the official killing was a success or the direct failure the public should be kept ignorant of the fact.

THE DEATH WATCH OUTSIDE.

The hours after midnight were anxious ones to the watchers outside the prison as well as to those who were charged with carrying out the sentence of the law.

At 3.30 o'clock the electric lights in the town went out—half an hour earlier than usual—and all felt that the supreme moment was at hand.

The buzzing of the dynamo could be plainly heard by the reporters outside the walls. The dawn was breaking, the last for the condemned four.

Soon after 4 a. m. the witnesses and jurors were ushered into the death-chamber. The experts had examined everything and were satisfied that there would be no hitch.

Slocum was awakened at 3.30 a. m., and as he sprang from his cot rubbing his eyes he asked, "Is it time?"

"Not quite yet," Principal Keeper Connaughton replied, "but it will be soon now, my boy." Slocum gave a sort of gasp as he realized that his last hour had come.

Nevertheless he steadied himself, and after a tremulous minute or two he said:

"All right, I will be ready."

He bathed his face and hands and made quick preparation for his breakfast.

While he was waiting for his first meal on earth his spiritual advisers came into his cell and passed about fifteen minutes with him. He received holy communion.

His breakfast was ready. He ate sparingly of boiled eggs and coffee, and at 3.15 he signified that he was ready for the supreme trial.

The invited witnesses who were anxiously waiting for the death scene took up their positions. There wasn't much formal order about the march as there used to be in the Tombs.

IN THE DEATH CHAMBER.

Slocum walked steadily to the awful room. His arms were tied behind his back, and a strap on his legs allowed him to step about twelve inches at a pace.

No time was lost. When the death-chamber was reached Slocum walked to the fatal chair

and sat down. His feet were tied and his arms and head firmly fixed to the proper places. He was ready in a moment.

A moment later Warden Brown touched the bell and the current was applied. He died quickly.

Five minutes after he was killed the black smoke from the stack told that preparations were being made for the next man.

Half an hour after Slocum was awakened Smiler had been aroused, and while Slocum ate his breakfast Smiler was being prepared for his crisis by the Rev. Mr. Edgerton.

Exactly thirty-one minutes after Slocum's dead body had been removed from the chair to the autopsy-room Smiler was placed in the seat of death. In a fraction of a second after the straps were secured the fatal spark was applied, and Smiler's soul was on its way to join that of Slocum.



DEPUTY WARDEN CONNAUGHTON.

Wood came next, and then the last, Jugro, sat in the chair, and the tragedy was completed.

Time between Slocum and Jugro's execution one hour and twenty-eight minutes. This is an average of twenty-nine and one-third minutes for the last three executions.

Assuming that Slocum took but the average for execution, four men were summoned, prepared for death and killed by electricity in Sing Sing's chair in one hour and forty-six minutes.

There was a great deal of anxiety among the watchers in front of the prison after the flags had told that Wood was executed, for it was supposed that Jugro, the Jap, would make a good deal of trouble.

He was known to be violent and restless, and as the minutes passed and there was nothing to indicate that his execution had taken place, it was feared that he had made a struggle against his fate.

The time seemed interminable, but in reality only twenty-seven minutes had elapsed after Wood had been executed when it was announced that Jugro had gone to his last home.

The four bodies lay in the dead-house at 6 o'clock, and the doctors proceeded to make their autopsies, beginning with Slocum, the first man slain.

All the witnesses agree that none of the horrible scenes at Kemmler's execution were repeated in the case of any one of the four murderers executed this morning.

The rapidity with which the deadly work was done redounds greatly to the credit of Warden Brown's management of the horrible affair.

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DETAILS OF THE KILLING.

An Eye-Witness' Story of the Events
in the Chamber of Death.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

SING SING, July 7.—One of the witnesses of the electrocutions, whose name, for obvious reasons, cannot be printed, gave to an EVENING WORLD reporter the following account of the occurrences in the death chamber:

"When the witnesses had gathered in the chamber some of them appeared very nervous, and all showed signs of a great strain on their sensibilities."

"The sliding door which concealed the switch-board on the outside of the executioner's closet was raised and the witnesses gathered about Drs. MacDonald and Rockwell and Prof. Landy, the scientists in charge of the electrocution, who proceeded to signal the electrician in the dynamo room."

"Five bells, the signal to 'get ready,' was soon followed by one toll which signified 'Turn on the current.'

Immediately the incandescent lamps on the switchboard gave out their white light, and the scientists turned the current into the voltmeter, then into the amperemeter, and when fully satisfied with its indicated power they informed the Warden."

"Warden Brown, Deputy Warden Connaughton and two keeper-deputies then entered the death-cell building to bring forth the trembling wretch who was first to pay the penalty of his crime."

"Fathers Creedon and Lynch were engaged with Slocum when Warden Brown and his deputies entered."

"Slocum had been selected as first victim, and as soon as the good priests had finished their supplications, he said he was ready and stepped out of his cell with alacrity."

"The walk to death began. Following the Warden and his deputy came Slocum, between the two priests, who held aloft in front of him a crucifix, at which he steadily gazed. The two keeper-deputies brought up the rear of the fateful procession."

"Slowly the heavy doors swung back, and with solemn tread and mien the little procession walked into the room where the silence of death prevailed."

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"They had but a few steps to take. The chair was directly in their front."

"As the leaders parted the chair stood out in all its awfulness before the man about to sit in it and die."

"Slocum halted at the Warden's command, just on the edge of the rubber mat which was to protect those who were watching his life go out."

"The doomed man's gaze was riveted on the chair. Then it wandered to the dangling wire, and the closet from which it was suspended."

"Back to the chair it came, like a needle to a magnet, and he started as though he had received a shock from the wire when the Warden began reading the death warrant, while the reverend men engaged in silent prayer."